Indian Scientists	Russian Scientists
	vi. Acad. F.A. Kuznetsov
	vii. Acad. Y. Gulayev
	viii. Acad. Grigoriev
	ix. Acade, K.V. Frolov
	x. Dr. V.V. Shapovalenko

Prohibition to take assignment in foreign countries during leave

1731. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have decided to prohibit officers working abroad to take up any assignment during leave in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of officers who took foreign assignments during leave during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) As per the existing policy, only short-term consultancies of less than three months duration can be undertaken by the officers by taking due and admissible leave. However, recently the Government has prohibited the officers of and above the level of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, of all services, either working at the Centre or with the State Governments from undertaking any consultancy assignments.

Long-term assignments exceeding 90 days can be undertaken with prior approval of the Government on foreign service terms, *i.e.* on payment of pension and leave salary contribution. During the last two years, no officer has been permitted to take up any long-term assignment by taking leave.

Discrimination against PCS officers for inclusion into IAS cadre

1732. SHRI P K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether after induction into IAS, Government discriminates against PCS direct recruits of Punjab and Haryana Civil Service by not

recognizing their previous Group 'A' service in State services for the purpose of their empanelment as Jt. Secretary under Union Government much against provisions of Ministry of Personnel O.M. dated 15th September, 1998;

(b) if so, the reasons for not observing the principles laid down in the said O.M.; and

(c) the reasons for not assigning with them earlier years of appointment while conferring IAS on them, as these officers had been appointed in grades equivalent to grades in which IAS officers (DRs) are appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) After their appointment to the Indian Administrative Service, the officers promoted from the State Civil Services are given weightage of their past service in assignment of year of allotment according to the formula provided in the Indian Administrative Service (Regulation of Seniority) Rules, 1987.

Select panel for Joint Secretaries

1733. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether para 3.3 of the revised guidelines regarding Procedure to be observed by Departmental Promotion Committees contained in O.M. No. 35034/7 (97-Estt.(D)] dated 8th February, 2002 is applicable for making select panels for appointment to the post of Joint Secretary under the Government of India;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the procedure adopted for empanelment of Joint Secretaries; and

(d) the steps taken to accord recognition to merit in making select list for the post of Joint Secretaries?